

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, amend the RELATED APPLICATIONS section of the specification to read as follows:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation application of copending application, Serial No. 10/001,390, which is a division of application Serial No. 09/264,072, filed March 8, 1999, (now U.S. Pat. No. 6,317,946, issued 11/20/01) which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/198,823, filed on November 24, 1998, (now U.S. Pat. No. 6,457,417, issued October 1, 2002) and a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/887,774, filed on July 3, 1997, now abandoned, and a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/888,270, filed on July 3, 1997, now abandoned, and a continuation-in-part Serial No. 08/842,635, filed April 16, 1998 (now abandoned), and a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 08/843,450, filed April 16, 1997 (now abandoned), and a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 08/922,129, filed August 28, 1997 (now U.S. Pat. No. 5,847,313, which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. Serial No. 08/792,578, (now U.S. Pat. No. 5,789,698), and also is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 08/815,003, filed March 14, 1997 (now U.S. Pat. No. 5,822,904), and also a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 09/220,087, filed December 23, 1998 as a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 08/843,450, filed April 16, 1997 (now abandoned).

At page 5, lines 13-14, amend the specification to read:

Figure 9 is a flow chart diagrammatically depicting one embodiment of the method of the present invention; and

At page 5, lines 16-17, amend the specification to read:

Figure 10 is a schematic representation of a die assembly for pressing compacts into a jacket + ; and

At page 5, following line 17, insert following paragraph: